

# Tuoba language

**Tuoba** (**Tabyač** or **Tabghach**; Chinese: 拓跋) is an extinct language spoken by the Tuoba people in northern China around the 5th century AD during the Northern Wei dynasty.

Alexander Vovin (2007) identifies the Tuoba language as a Mongolic language.<sup>[1]</sup>

On the other hand, Juha Janhunen proposed that Tuoba might have spoken an Oghur Turkic language.<sup>[2]</sup> According to Peter Boodberg, Tuoba language was essentially Turkic with Mongolic admixture<sup>[3]</sup>. Chen Sanping noted that Tuoba language "had both" Turkic and Mongolic elements<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Liu Xueyao stated that Tuoba may have had their own language which should not be assumed to be identical with any other known languages.<sup>[6]</sup>

	Tuoba
Native to	Tuoba
Region	Northern China and Mongolia
Language family	Mongolic or Turkic <div>▪<span> </span>Tuoba</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–

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